

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY**

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 19, 1999

**1. Call to order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:50 p.m. on April 19, 1999, at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

**2. Roll call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, John Hisserich, Lindsey Kozberg, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to roll call: Michael Berger, Vice-Chair. The following members were absent: Art Eck, Steve Horn, and Mary Nichols. Quorum present.

**3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, David Green, Mark Johnson, Fran Pavley, Rick Putnam, Paul Rockenstein, Kenneth Warner, George Lange, Vice-Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to roll call: Linda Palmer. The following members were absent: Jeffrey Seymour, and Carolyn Van Horn. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director;

Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Operations; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Lisa Soghor, Director of Design Services and Streisand Center Manager; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Governmental Affairs; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation; Jeff Bolton, Project Analyst II; Ellen Mackey, Visiting Biologist; and Dawn De Vere, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

#### **4. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair and Mr. Hisserich.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Pavley.

#### **5. Oral reports by staff.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

[Ms. Palmer arrived at 8:03 p.m.]

#### **6. Report from budget and legislative committee.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

**7. Presentation on the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan.**

The presentation was made by Lee Stark, Department of Regional Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair.

[Mr. Berger arrived at 8:26.]

**8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Mary Ann Webster, representing the Santa Monica Mountains Task Force/Sierra Club, on item 11.

Rosemary Woodlock, representing Save Open Space, on Ahmanson Ranch litigation.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Collins, and the Chair.

Mary Weisbrock, representing Save Open Space, on Ahmanson Ranch litigation.

Diane Edwardson, Community Residence Association for Parks, on item 18.

Linda Kline, individual, on item 18.

Debbie Reinberg, individual, in opposition to 200 foot brush clearance codes.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Don Mololy, individual, on item 14 and Santa Clarita Woodlands Park.

Susan Genilin, individual, on the "Earth-Water-Air-Los

Angeles" event.

Mary Beth Noble, individual, on item 18.

Joan Luchs, individual, on proposed Sprint PCS facilities on Mulholland Drive and item 12.

Joel McClafferty, individual, on item 18.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- a) **Consideration of resolution adopting an equal opportunity employment outreach program to be used with contracts funded by the City of Los Angeles under the provisions of Los Angeles City Proposition K.**
- b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an Option to Lease Agreement for Temescal Canyon Gateway Park with the City of Los Angeles, as required under the provisions of Los Angeles City Proposition K, for the execution of a grant agreement for the improvement of park facilities. [Coastal Zone item]**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 99-41 and 99-42.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Ms. Pavley recommended that the letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and Ms. Pavley.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-43.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Mr. Daniel recommended that the letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-43.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on the Multi-Purpose Trails Master Plan of the City of Calabasas.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Ms. Palmer, and Ms. Pavley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Mr. Lange recommended that the letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-44.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-44.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**12. Review of revised Universal Overlook Improvement Plans, City of Los Angeles.**

[Ms. Caldwell left at 9:37 p.m.]

The Executive Director and Mr. Bolton presented the staff

report on this item.

The presentation of the revised Universal Overlook Improvement Plans was made by Katherine Spitz.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and the Chair.

**13. Review of Stone Canyon Overlook Conceptual Plans.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

The presentation of the Stone Canyon Overlook Conceptual Plans was presented by Richard Bergman and Rick Mayer.

Questions were propounded to Mr. Mayer by Messrs. Lange and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded to Mr. Bergman by Mr. Brown.

**14. Consideration of resolution approving Sunshine Canyon Landfill Mitigation Proposal to the Los Angeles City Council.**

This item was postponed.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for acquisition services within the Baldwin Hills.**

Comments were made by Jim Park, Assistant Director of the Los Angeles County of Parks and Recreation.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-46.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-46.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the California Science Center.**

This item was postponed.

**17. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately ten acres (APN 4457-005-023) in Malibu near Malibu State Park from Narcisse Ford, Eloene Griggs, Murry Stearn, and Cynthia Cruzun, and offer of said parcel to the National Park Service. [Coastal Zone item]**

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-48.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-48.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending that (1) the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an offer of dedication of trail easements and approximately seven acres of land known as the Corralitas property, in the Elysian Valley/Silver Lake area of the City of Los Angeles; (2) that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accepts funds from the property owner for operations and maintenance of the dedication area; and (3) authorizing acceptance of future transfer if offered.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown and Ms. Palmer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-49.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-49.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 19. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to the Eagle Rock project plan and amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 98/99 budget necessary for park improvements.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory



Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-50.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**20. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority make an offer to acquire City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power surplus property (APN 5214-003-900) in Ascot Hills, El Sereno.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Kishbaugh and Putnam.

Comments were made by Mr. Hisserich.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Putnam.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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Comments were made by Mr. Hisserich and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Hisserich.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-51.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 21. Legislation: Report on pending legislation and possible resolutions of support or opposition on the following bills: AB 18 (Villaraigosa/Keeley), AB 986 (Knox), AB 1278 (Knox), AB 1355 (Havice), SB 2 (Chesbro), SB 57 (Hayden), SB 74 (Murray), SB 90 (Alarcon), SB 117 (Murray), SB 216 (Solis), SB 597 (Poochigian), and SB 1277 (Hayden).**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Ms. Kozberg.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended accepting the bill analyses.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy accepted the bill analyses.

**22. Minutes**

The open session minutes of March 15, 1999 were submitted for approval.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of March 15, 1999 were approved as submitted.

- 23. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties***

***v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company; Los Amigos De Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Huebner v. State of California; and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest).***

The Chair called a closed session at 10:35 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss agenda item 23 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority item XI.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:05 p.m. and announced that Staff Counsel gave a report regarding legal issues concerning *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

**24. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

Ms. Briner-Schmidt spoke regarding hiking in Escondido Canyon.

Ms. Pavley spoke regarding AB 404 (Kuehl).

Mr. Kishbaugh spoke regarding dogs on leash issues at Wilacre Park.

The Chair spoke regarding dogs on leash issues at Westridge Canyon Back.

Ms. Palmer spoke regarding the Santa Monica Mountains Trail Day.

Mr Daniel spoke regarding the Executive Director's appearance at the Hillside Federation meeting.

**25. Announcem ent of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on

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May 17, 1999 at Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE  
Chairperson